

## Media Fact Sheet



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### **U.S. Army Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Live Insurance (TSGLI)**

#### **Basic Facts**

- TSGLI was established by an Act of Congress in 2005 to provide financial relief to traumatically injured soldiers and their families.
- TSGLI helps traumatically injured Soldiers and their families with a one-time payment of up to \$100,000.
- Money paid through TSGLI could be used to allow a Soldier's family to be with him/her during recovery; help with unforeseen expenses or help the Soldier and his/her family get a head start on life after recovery—it is up to the discretion of the Soldier. Financial counseling is available for Soldiers to encourage responsible use of the TSGLI benefit.
- TSGLI also is available to servicemembers from the other branches (Navy, Air Force, Marines, etc.)

#### **Eligibility**

- TSGLI is for Soldiers--Active, Guard or Reserve--who incur a qualifying traumatic injury at any time during the course of their service commitment.
- The program began on 1 December 2005 and all Soldiers who are current on their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) payments are eligible.
- In addition, there is retroactive eligibility going back to 7 October 2001 with slightly different requirements than those going forward.
- Retroactive eligibility: The traumatic event must have occurred during the time period 7 October 2001 through 30 November 2005 while the Soldier was in theater supporting OEF and OIF or under orders in Combat Zone Tax Exclusion area.
- To qualify for coverage, the traumatic injury must be physical, and severely impacting a Soldier's ability to perform activities of daily living. Commonly covered injuries include loss of sight, hearing, speech, limb(s), traumatic brain injury paralysis and severe burns.

#### **Current Statistics**

- The U.S. Army has the most TSGLI recipients, by nearly double. As of December 2006, more than 1,868 Soldiers' TSGLI claims have been approved, with more than \$113 million paid out to them. The U.S. Marine Corps is second, with \$54 million. More than \$179 million has been paid out to all Branches of Service.